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SENATE BILL 5889

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By Senators Tom, Holmquist, Hewitt, Clements, Zarelli, McAuliffe, Pridemore, Oemig, Shin, Rasmussen and Kilmer

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for teachers attaining national board  
2 for professional teaching standards certification; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 28A.410 RCW; creating a new section; and making an  
4 appropriation.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

7 (1) The national board for professional teaching standards has  
8 established high and rigorous standards for what highly accomplished  
9 teachers should know and be able to do in order to increase students'  
10 learning results;

11 (2) The national board certifies teachers who meet these standards  
12 through a rigorous, performance-based assessment process;

13 (3) A certificate awarded by the national board attests that a  
14 teacher has met high and rigorous standards and has demonstrated the  
15 ability to make sound professional judgments about how to best meet  
16 students' learning needs and effectively help students meet challenging  
17 academic standards; and

18 (4) Teachers who attain national board certification should receive

1 funding assistance in order to encourage more teachers to pursue  
2 certification for the benefit of Washington students.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have met the eligibility  
6 requirements and have applied for certification from the national board  
7 for professional teaching standards shall receive funding for the  
8 assessment fee. The assessment fee for national certification is  
9 provided in addition to compensation received under a district's salary  
10 schedule adopted in accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be  
11 included in calculations of a district's average salary and associated  
12 salary limitation under RCW 28A.400.200. The bonus shall not be  
13 considered earnable compensation as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or  
14 compensation earnable as defined in RCW 41.40.010 and 41.35.010.

15 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall identify  
16 criteria for selecting recipients if more than one thousand certified  
17 instructional staff seek funding assistance for national board  
18 certification.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million five hundred thousand  
20 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the  
22 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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